REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The allowance of claims 15 and 18 is acknowledged, with appreciation. The application has been amended to cancel all but the allowed subject matter. Entry of the amendments will advance prosecution by placing the case in condition for allowance. Entry of the above amendments is requested along with a Notice of Allowance.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 13, 14, 16, 17 and 20-24 will be most in view of the above upon entry of the present amendment.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 20, 22, 23 and 24 will be most upon entry of the above amendments.

Entry of the above amendments is requested.

Acceptance of the originally-filed drawings or specific objection or rejection of the same is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is . required for allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

Rv.

☑. J. Sadoff Reg. No. 36,663

BJS:pp 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor Arlington, VA 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100